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1. The Hungarian Price-Equalization Fund (Arkiegyenlitesi Alap) exists for the purpose of reimbursing Hungarian exporters for any adverse margin between the price paid by the foreign purchaser and converted at the fixed rate of exchange, and the sum of the production cost and the producers' and exporters' profits. The fund is also used for increasing the remuneration resulting from any exports to satellite countries which are not covered by trade treaties.
2. The Price-Equalizing Committee, which administers the fund, meets weekly in the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Trade and consists of the following: two delegates from the Ministry of Foreign Trade (usually Barabas and Somkuti); one from the Finance Division of the Ministry of Foreign Trade; and two from the Hungarian National Bank. The delegate from the Finance Division, who is also the Communist Party's representative, has the decisive role at these meetings.
3. The Committee's policy varies with day-to-day Hungarian requirements of individual foreign currencies, and with different Hungarian industries.
4. An increase in remuneration to the exporters of about 100 percent of the foreign exchange earned, and converted at the official rate, can usually be relied on when hard currency is involved, but the fund has on occasions (e.g. on the opening of new markets) extended itself to 280 percent. For Magyar Kulforgalmi's (Hungarian Export Trade Corp.) business with Western countries a figure of 160 percent was usual.
5. Before projected deals are submitted to the Committee for pricing, they first have to be approved as desirable by the Export Committee (Kiviteli Bizottsag), which consists of the members of the Price-Equalizing Committee, a delegate from the Planning Committee, and one from the Ministry for Light Industry or the Ministry for Heavy Industry, or both, according to the types of exports under discussion.

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